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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL
ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1727
RELATING TO: Community Care for the Elderly
SPONSOR(S): Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative Maygarden

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL YEAS 20 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation proposes to make case management services in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) program within the Department of Elder Affairs optional rather than mandatory. The Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee has reduced funding associated with CCE case management by \$2,377,142 in General Revenue, which is the estimated savings associated with the change in policy regarding case management services.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2001.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Community Care for the elderly (CCE) provides community based services organized in a continuum of care to assist functionally-impaired older people to live in the least restrictive environment suitable to their needs. Such services include case management, personal care, homemaker, adult day care, respite, home delivered meals, and transportation, among others. Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) encourages the provision of care for older persons in family living arrangements in private homes as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy is provided to caregivers for support and maintenance of the older person, including some medical costs. A special subsidy may also be provided for services and supplies. Under current statute, case management is required for all CCE clients, however, for HCE clients it is a matter of department policy.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

One method of allowing for more consumer directed care is to provide more flexibility within the CCE program. Case management, which coordinates formal and informal services and monitors service delivery, is not always needed or desired. By removing the mandatory requirement, greater consumer directed care can be achieved and savings can be realized by allowing consumers who are able to manage their own services or have caregivers willing and able to take on the responsibility.

- If formal case management is necessary, funding is available.
- Service coordinators will be utilized to offer a more cost-effective, less formal alternative.
- No consumers will lose essential services.
- Promotes choice, dignity and quality of care.
- Promotes consumer directed care and supports family caregivers.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

Department of Elder Affairs

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General Revenue

G/A - Community Care for the Elderly

(\$2,337,142)

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require municipalities or counties to spend money.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

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V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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